



**Agenda Item Number: 2006-2-11B**

## **BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Meeting Date:** February 14, 2006

**Department:** Public Works **Staff Contact:** Tim West, Deputy County Manager for Public Works

**TITLE:** Groundwater Protection Advisory Board Appointments

**ACTION:** Motion to approve:

1. The appointment of Dr. Bruce Thomson to the Groundwater Protection Advisory Board representing the Joint County/City member.
2. The appointment of Anita Miller to the Groundwater Protection Advisory Board.

### **SUMMARY:**

There are two vacancies on the Groundwater Protection Advisory Board (GPAB). One is a County appointment the other is a joint County/City appointment for the County. The requirements for membership on this board as a representative of the County are generally that the member shall represent the public interest and have a commitment to groundwater protection, and that the members shall reside in the unincorporated County. By ordinance, the County/City representative may reside in either the City or in the unincorporated County. Typically, the Board strives to have a balance between technical expertise and community involvement. The County also strives to have representation from the various areas of the County, like the East Mountain Area, the South Valley, the North Valley and Paradise Hills.

Bruce Thomson is a professor in the Civil Engineering Department of the University of New Mexico. He specializes in water quality issues, especially groundwater quality concerns. He has written numerous publications on regional groundwater quality, and is an active researcher. Dr. Thompson holds a Ph. D. from Rice University. Dr. Thompson has served on the GPAB since 1998. He is currently a City-appointed member, but his term has expired.

Anita Miller is a private practice attorney in Albuquerque, and specializes in land use law. She has extensive experience in Central New Mexico and Bernalillo County. She served on the Groundwater Protection Advisory Committee in 1989, and helped develop the Groundwater Protection Policy and Action Plan. She has a law degree from New York Law School. She is an Adjunct Professor at the UNM School of Law.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Dr. Bruce Thomson-resume
2. Anita Miller
3. roster

## **STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

### **COUNTY MANAGER**

See summary. I recommend Board approval. TL 1/31/06

### **DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

The County's vacant position in the GPAB has been unoccupied for about 9 months. The City/County position on the Board remains occupied by Dr. Thomson but his term has expired. Both volunteers are well qualified and desire to serve as appointments of the Board of County Commissioners. The City/County position, if approved by the Board of County Commissioners will require subsequent approval by the City of Albuquerque. TW 1/18/06